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SUBJECT : YUGOSLAV RELATIONS WITH BRITISH LABORITES AND
AUGSTRIAN SOCIALISTS

1. YUGOSLAVIS'S ACTIVE FOREIGN POLICY IS NOT CONFINED
TO STATE-TO-STATE RELATIONS. THEY HAVE A PARALLEL
INTEREST IN PARTY-TO-PARTY CONTACTS, WHICH CAN COMPLICATE
RELATIONS BETWEEN GOVERNMENTS, AS RECENT CONVERSATIONS
WITH BRITISH AND AUSTRIAN AMBASSADORS ILLUSTRATE.
SUCH CONTACTS ALSO INTERFERE WITH US INTEREST IN REINGORCING
DIVISION BETWEEN COMMUNISTS AND DEMOCARATIC LEFT IN
EUROPE.

2. IN RECENT DISCUSSION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER CALLAGHAN
ON ILO MATTERS, HE STATE MEETING WITH REQUEST FOR MY
VIEWS ON WISDOM OF INVITING LEAUGE OF COMMUNIST'S
EXECURITVE SECRETARY DOLANC TO GREAT BRITAIN. I RESPONDED
THAT WE WERE TRYING TO FIGURE WAYS TO GET DOLANC TO
THE US AND WE THOUGHT IT A GOOD IDEA. IN SUBSEQUENT CONFIDENTIAL
DISCUSSION WITH UK AMBASSADOR HERE, I HAVE BEEN TOLD
THAT THE PROSPECT OF DOLANC' TRIP IS CAUSING DIFFICULTY
BECAUSE THE BRITISH DO NOT WANT TO HAVE THE LABOR PARTY
HOST THE VISIT; THEY WOULD PREFERE HMG ACT AS HOST.
THE YUGOSLAVS ON THE OTHER HAND ARE NOT HAPPY ABOUT
THAT, SINCE IT IS A BASIC TENET OF THEIR POLICY TO
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ESTABLISH LINKS AND PROCLAIM A COMMUNITY OF INTEREST

WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN SOCIALIST AND SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES.

3. ACCORDING TO AUSTRIAN AMBASSADOR IN STRICTEST CONFIDENCE THE RECENT RAPPROCHEMENT BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA, HIGHLIGHTED BY KREISKY-KARDELJ-TITO MEETING IN DECEMBER, IS BASED IN PART ON KREISKY'S AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISH LINKS BETWEEN THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE YUGOSLAV SOCIALIST ALLIANCE. THE LATTER IS A MASS FRONT SURROGATE FOR THE COMMUNIST PARTY. ALTHOUGH MOST OF THE STEAM IN LAST YEAR'S WAR OF WORDS BETWEEN AUSTRIA AND YUGOSLAVIA RELATED, OF COURSE, TO SLOVENIAN MINORITY RIGHTS IN AUSTRIA, THE YUGOSLAVS HAVE BEEN THOROUGHLY ANNOYED AND INSULTED BY THE REFUSAL OF THE AUSTRIAN SOCIALISTS TO HAVE ANY PARTY-TO-PARTY CONTACTS. AUSTRIANS ARE RELUCTANT TO ESTABLISH DIRECT LINK WITH YUGOSLAV COMMUNISTS FOR FEAR OF PRESSURE FOR SIMILAR TIES TO SOVIET BLOC PARTIES.

4. COMMENT: IN THIS RESPECT YUGOSLAV-WEST EUROPEAN AND AMERICAN-WEST EUROPEAN POLICIES ARE SQUARELY AT ODDS. THEY WISH TO IMPRESS UPON THE EUROPEANS THEIR VIEW THAT THE FUNDAMENTAL POLITICAL DIVISION OF EUROPE IS BETWEEN MARXIST OR QUASI-MARXIST PARTIES ON THE ONE HAND AND CAPITALIST PARTIES ON THE OTHER, WHILE WE BELIEVE THE BASIC DIVISION IS AND SHOULD BE BETWEEN ALL THOSE PARTIES WHICH SUPPORT THE DEMOCRATIC PROCESS AND THOSE WHICH DO NOT.
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